

REMARKS

Claims in the Application. Claim 11 has been cancelled. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 13, 19 and 20 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-10 and 12-20 are active in this application.

Rejection of the Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 7-10, 12, 14 and 16-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 97/22563 ("Kraglund") in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,617,045 ("Bronstein"). It is believed that a discussion of this rejection is unnecessary since the claims have been amended by incorporating the limitation of Claim 11 into Claim 1. The Examiner has indicated allowability of Claim 11.

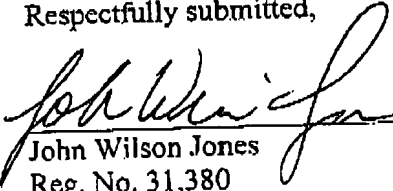
Objection to the Declaration. The Examiner has objected to the Declaration and Applicants herein submit a substitute Declaration to address the concerns raised by the Examiner.

Rejection of the Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The Examiner has also rejected claims 1-20 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112. It is believed that the amendment to the claims obviates the need for further discussion of this rejection.

Conclusions. In light of the amendments to the claims, the application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

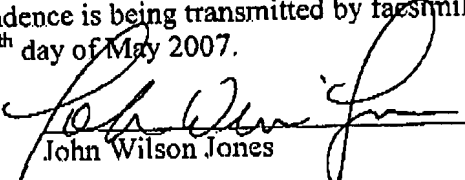
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